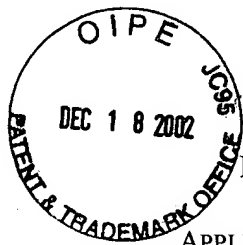


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RESPONSE

In response to the Advisory Action mailed November 12, 2002, and in further response to the Notice of Appeal filed on October 23, 2002, Applicants submit herewith in the above mentioned patent application a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 and the required fee. A response to this Action is due on or before December 23, 2003. Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayments of the same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, reference 20349-543 (OTT-43).

Please consider the following amendments and remarks prior to any further examination pursuant to the RCE.